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REASONS 1.4 (B) AND (D).

1. (C) Djibouti's Foreign Minister remained non-committal towards voting for Guatemala over Venezuela in the upcoming vote for a non-permanent seat on the UN Security Council. During the March 13 meeting with Ambassador and POL/ECON, the Foreign Minister gave neither a positive nor negative response to the question.

12. (C) A similar demarche was also delivered on March 8 to Djibouti's Under Secretary for Bilateral Relations, and the response was also non-committal. The Under Secretary indicated that Djibouti has no diplomatic ties with Venezuela.

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